

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

AGENDA REVIEW	05/23/12
BOARD MEETING	06/06/12
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All Supervisorial Districts
DEPARTMENT	Department of Mental Health (DMH)
SUBJECT	Request approval to execute affiliation agreements with thirteen educational institutions and authorization to enter into future new affiliation agreements for Student Professional Development Programs with qualified universities and other educational institutions.
PROGRAM	Program Support Bureau
DEADLINES	June 30, 2012
COST & FUNDING	There is no financial obligation associated with the affiliation agreements for the SPDP.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Board approval of the recommended actions will allow continuation of the services provided under the existing affiliation agreements which expire on June 30, 2012, for a five-year term. In addition, Board approval will allow the Department to enter into future new agreements with universities and other educational institutions for SPDPs as the need arises. The SPDP provides specialized training and clinical experience for students in the fields of nursing, gerontology, occupational therapy, psychiatric technician, psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy, and vocational rehabilitation.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	DMH currently has thirteen SPDP agreements with educational institutions that will expire June 30, 2012. The SPDP agreements provide professional training for students in specialized programs and clinical experience in community mental health programs working with dually diagnosed, severely and persistently mentally ill, and acutely ill populations. Continuation of this training program provides a mutual benefit to Department of Mental Health and the students, whereby the student interns receive supervised training and clinical experience directly from DMH staff at County facilities. DMH benefits through the supervised services provided by the student to mental health clients. In addition, this additional workforce serves as a potential recruitment pool for DMH.
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